

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 642

By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robin Copp upon being named the 2017-2018 Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding educational leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Robin Copp is one such estimable educational administrator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of Ooltewah High School, Robin Copp was recently selected as the 2017-2018 Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education, an honor most befitting her tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee native, Mrs. Copp graduated from Red Bank High School and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; she received her Master of Education degree from the University of Georgia and her Educational Specialist degree in Instructional Leadership from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, after twenty years of teaching biology and physical education in the Hamilton County School System, Robin Copp became an assistant principal at Sale Creek Middle/High School and was soon promoted to be its principal, a leadership role she fulfilled for three years; and

WHEREAS, she later served four years as principal at Signal Mountain Middle/High School before becoming the principal at Ooltewah High School, a position in which she has served with acumen and alacrity for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Ooltewah High School, Principal Copp still finds time to lend her talents to advocate for public education in a variety of ways, including serving as the Southeast Center of Regional Excellence representative on the Tennessee Principals' Study Council, as a member of the State Principal's Study Council's Steering Committee, as a principal mentor to new principals, as the president of the Hamilton County Principal Association, and as a member of the Hamilton County Department of Education's Transition Team. She also participates in numerous speaking engagements and facilitates professional learning for teachers and other administrators; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Robin Copp was named the 2009 Tennessee Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Student Councils, the 2010 Principal of the Year by the Hamilton County Council of Parent Teacher Associations, the 2014 Principal of the Year by the Hamilton County Principals Association, and the 2015 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's A.F. Bridges Principal of the Year for Sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, despite her many accomplishments and honors, Robin Copp is most appreciative of the loving companionship she shares with her husband, David, and their two sons, Zachary and Wesley; and

WHEREAS, Principal Copp truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Robin Copp epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Copp for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Robin Copp upon being named the

2017-2018 Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.